up a committee to suggest ways and means to safeguard the country's natural heritage as illegal poaching acti-vties are continuing unabatedly in the country reducing the number of Rhinos, Elephants, Tigers, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been set up and has given any re port and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of poachers arrest, ed in the country in the last two years and the section taken against them;

(d) the number of skins of animals seized by Government in the last two years and from whom and what action was taken against them;

(e) whether the Court had also given instructions to strengthen the protective network around the sanc tuaries and national parks; and

(f) if so, whether these instructions have been carried out; if not, the rea sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has filed a re-view petition which is under consi-deration of the Hon'ble Court.

(c) and (d) Th$_e$ information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No, Sir. This falls under the purview of th$_e$ concerned State Gov-ernments .

कस्तूरी मृग का विलोपन

161. **श्री गोविंदराव आदिक** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्वा यह सच है कि कस्तूरी मृग की प्रजातियां विलुप्त हो रही हैं; और

(ख) सरकार इस बन्य प्राणी को बचाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमलनाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, यह एक संकटापन्न यप्रजाति हैं।

(ख) इस प्रजाति और इसके वास स्थलों को बचाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा उठाए गये कदमों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :–

1. जिन अभयारण्यों में इस प्रजाति के वासस्थल हैं, उनके विकास के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है ;

2. इस प्रजाति को वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की अनुसूची–I में रखा गया है जिससे इसको कानून के तहत अधिकतम सुरक्षा प्रदान की जाती है ;

3. कानून के तहत इस प्रजाति के शिकार पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध है और उल्लघन के लिए कठोर दण्ड की व्यवस्था है ;

4. भारत सरकार ने जगंली जानवरों के चोरी-छिपे शिकार करने की सूचना देने के लिए पुरस्कार देने की एक स्कीम शुरू की है ;

5. कस्तूरी मृग के बन्दी अवस्था में प्रजनन को बढावा दिया जा रहा है।

Classification of coastal area$_s$ of the country

162. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT

AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal areas of the country ha$_s$ been classified recently under various categories for development activties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The coastal areas of the country have been classified into four categories for regulating development activities, vide Gagette notification S.O. No. 114(E) dated 20-2-91. Details of the classification are annexed as a statement.

Statement

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The classification of the coastal stretches into four categories is as follows.',—

Categorv-1 CRZ-II)

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(i) Areas that are ecologically sen sitive and important such as na tional parks|marine parks^ sanctu-, reserve forests, wildlife habitas, mangroves, corals coral re- is close to breeding and :'ng groi: fish and marine life, area?, of out standing natured beauty]history areas, areas rich in gene-diversity area slikely to be inun. dated due to rise n sea level consequent upon global warming and other areas asmay be declared by the control government of the concerned authorities the State/Union Territory level from time to time.

• (ii) Area between "the Low Tide Line and the High Tide Line.

Category.2 (CRZ-H)

The areas that have already been developed upfo or close to the shoreline. F.~>r this pui^pose_ "developed area" ^$_3$ referred to as that area within the municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which is already substantially built up and which has been provided with drainage and apprtach roads and other in-frastructural facilities, such as water supply and swerage mains.

*Category-^* ACRZJIT)

Areas that are relatively undisturbed and those which do not belong to either Category.I or II. These wil-linclude coastal zone in the rural areas (developed and underdeveloped) and also areas within municipal limits or in other legally designated Urban areas which are not substantially built up.

Category-i (CRZ-IV)

Coastal streches in the Andaman and Nicobar Lakshadeep and small islands except those designated as CRZ-I CRZ.n or CRZ-III.

Implementation of the Air (Prevention and control of pollution Act

163. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: *r* of ENVIRONMENT FORESTS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the Air (Prevention : Uution) Act is be-livtly implemented by Government;

(b) if not, what difficulties are being faced in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government contem plate to take to remove those difficul ties?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Ye$_3$ Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.